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Mr. Mel Poole
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Catoctin Mountain Park
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Dear Mel:

On June 11, 2007, you accompanied me during an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth caused defoliation at Catoctin Mountain Park. Approximately 12.4 acres of light defoliation (30-50%) were detected at the Park, of which 7.4 acres of this defoliation occurred within the 2007 gypsy moth treatment areas (Figure 1). Approximately 49.5 acres of heavy defoliation (51-100%) were detected immediately outside of the Park boundary and right against the largest treatment block. Large areas of heavy defoliation also occurred on both Piney Mountain and Cunningham Falls State Park.

We will be conducting gypsy moth egg mass surveys this fall in the two treatment areas. We would like your staff to conduct preliminary egg mass surveys in these areas and any other areas of interest during late summer.

Please contact me at 304-285-1555 if you have any questions regarding the aerial survey or survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN
Forester
Forest Health Protection

Enclosure

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Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial detection survey conducted at Catoctin Mountain Park on June 11, 2007, along with the 2007 gypsy moth treatment areas.

